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RESOLUTIONS PASSED

at the

39th Annual Meeting

OF DELEGATES

of the

SASKATCHEWAN WHEAT POOL

November 5th to 15th

1963

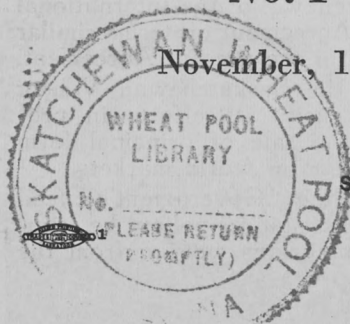
Democracy cannot be learned from textbooks. It can be learned by people only by doing for themselves all those things that can be best done by themselves.

—The Maritime Co-operator.

Committee Program

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Constant efforts to maintain the democratic nature of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool are best illustrated in the handling of resolutions.

All resolutions passed at country meetings of Shareholders, Committee meetings, and District meetings of Delegates held during the year, are referred each month to the Board of Directors and to the manager of the Division concerned. This enables members' opinions to be kept constantly before the Board and Management.

Prior to the Delegates' Annual Meeting, the Resolutions Committee meets for three days. All resolutions received during the preceding twelve months are reviewed and consolidated for presentation to the Delegates' Annual Meeting.

The following is a list of the resolutions passed at the 39th Annual Meeting of Delegates:—

POLICY

1. THAT the policies included in the Annual Report of the Board of Directors, viz.—
 - (a) THAT the Government of Canada and The Canadian Wheat Board be commended for their aggressive grain sales policies during the past year and be urged to seek further expansion of sales through extension of credit arrangements and concessional sales.
 - (b) THAT emphasis be placed on finding a more suitable system for marketing rapeseed.
 - (c) THAT firm support be accorded for the renewal of the International Wheat Agreement on terms similar to those in the present Agreement.
 - (d) THAT the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool intensify its efforts in promoting the sale of principal farm commodities in world markets.
 - (e) THAT the Government's feed freight assistance policy be continued on grains moving from the

Prairies to Eastern Canada and British Columbia.

- (f) THAT rationalization of the transportation system be carried out in full recognition of the needs of grain producers in Western Canada, and that such rationalization be undertaken by a new government-appointed agency which will study the question of rail line abandonment on the basis of large areas rather than on one line at a time.
 - (g) THAT the Government of Canada offer aggressive leadership in the reduction of tariff and other trade barriers between nations.
 - (h) THAT the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool assist in the participation in ARDA objectives and that delegates and directors assist in planning how best to undertake rural development under the ARDA program.
- be approved.

Canadian Wheat Board

- 2. THAT we recommend the establishment of The Canadian Wheat Board on a permanent basis and that said Board be the sole marketing agency for all grains, including rye, flax and rapeseed.
- 3. THAT this meeting recommends to the Board of Directors that consideration be given to nominating candidates for appointment to The Canadian Wheat Board when vacancies occur.

Promotion of Hog Marketing Board

- 4. THAT the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool assist in the promotion of a hog marketing board in co-operation with the Saskatchewan Farmers' Union and other organizations which have an interest in this proposal, subject to the understanding that if a board is approved it will become operative only at such time as a similar board is established in at least one adjoining province.

Rapeseed Marketing Board

- 5. THAT we recommend that the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool investigate the

possibility of establishing an Interprovincial Rapeseed Marketing Board.

Capital Requirements of S.W.P.

6. THAT we recommend that capital requirements of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool continue to be acquired from the membership.
7. THAT the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool use accelerated depreciation whenever possible.

Report on Financial and Capital Needs

8. THAT we recommend that the Board of Directors investigate the feasibility of acquiring the services of an economist to prepare a report on financial and capital needs of the organization and to report to the next Annual Meeting.

Consolidation Program

9. THAT we recommend that our consolidation program include a study of elevator design, future needs and over-all transportation plans.

Terminal Facilities

10. That we recommend that terminal facilities be acquired at the West Coast.

Fertilizer Manufacturing Plant

11. THAT we recommend approval in principle of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool joining with Federated Co-operatives Limited and the Alberta Wheat Pool, in the construction of a fertilizer manufacturing plant with the objective of beginning production in July, 1965.

Meat Processing

12. THAT we recommend that the Board of Directors continue to study the feasibility of entering meat processing alone, or in co-operation with the other Pools and Co-operatives.

Movement of Export Grains

13. THAT we recommend that we support all efforts to ensure the unrestricted movement of export grains.
14. THAT we recommend that the Government of Canada take necessary steps to ensure that strikers do not interfere with the orderly movement of grain to market.
15. THAT we recommend that the Sask-

Saskatchewan Wheat Pool continue to support expansion of export markets through credit and concessional sales of grain.

Tariffs and Trade Restrictions

16. WHEREAS, tariffs and trade restrictions appear to be a major obstacle to trade and are also one of the reasons why credit sales are necessary;

BE IT RESOLVED that tariffs and trade restrictions be reduced on commodities imported from our grain customer countries.

Share of National Income for Agriculture

17. THAT the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool continue to press for a better share of the national income for agriculture.

Two-Price System for Wheat

18. That we continue to press the federal Government for a two-price system for Canadian wheat

19. THAT we recommend that if a two-price system is not implemented, that acreage payments be paid yearly by the federal Government.

Unified Voice for Agriculture

20. THAT we recommend that we endorse the efforts of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture and the National Farmers' Union to secure a unified voice for agriculture.

Railway Branch Line Abandonment

21. THAT before the railway companies be permitted to embark on a program of abandoning branch lines, a long-range plan be made available to the public.

Repair Parts and Services for Farm Machinery

22. THAT the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool request the federal Government to set up a Royal Commission to investigate the shortage of repair parts and services for farm machinery.

Sale of Domestic Grains

23. THAT we recommend that the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool investigate the whole field of the selling of domestic grains in Canada to see if any change

can be made to improve interprovincial price differences to help assist British Columbia and Eastern feeders purchase feed grain from Prairie producers.

Grading Standards

24. WHEREAS, the grading standard of grain appears to vary greatly from year to year, and
WHEREAS, this variation appears to be influenced by supply and demand;
BE IT RESOLVED that grading standards be adhered to and remain uniform from year to year.

Standard Weight of Grain

25. THAT the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool request the Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada to consider the marketing of grain by the hundredweight.

Chemical Treated Grain

26. THAT we recommend that legislation be enacted and enforced to see that seed treating chemicals be dyed a colour which would ensure easy recognition of treated grain.
27. THAT legislation be passed to make it more practical to prosecute those who deliver treated grain.

Support of United Nations

28. THAT we continue our support of the United Nations in its effort to maintain peace.

World Food Program

29. THAT the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool urge the Government of Canada to contribute a much larger amount to the World Food Program.

"Co-operatives Everywhere"

30. THAT the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool give fullest support to the program of "Co-operatives Everywhere".

Employees Participation in Politics

31. THAT this meeting recommends that employees be granted leave-of-absence to accept nomination as a member to the Legislative Assembly or House of Commons, in order that they may participate in their democratic responsibilities without jeopardizing their position, superannuation, or other privileges.

Churchill

32. THAT we ask the Canadian Government and The Canadian Wheat Board to do everything within their power to use the Port of Churchill more extensively for overseas shipments of grain.

Canadian Wheat Board

33. WHEREAS, farmers endeavour to regulate their income per year;
BE IT RESOLVED that we request The Canadian Wheat Board to endeavour to regulate the interim and final payments made on grain each year so as not to double up one year and miss the following year.
34. THAT we recommend that The Canadian Wheat Board do everything possible to have delivery opportunities equalized at the end of the crop year.
35. THAT we recommend that where marketing conditions warrant, The Canadian Wheat Board have the power to establish more than one pool per year for any class of grain.
36. THAT we recommend that in future, any announcements concerning Wheat Board payments be issued by the Chief Commissioner of The Canadian Wheat Board, rather than a Government official.
37. THAT we recommend that The Canadian Wheat Board raise quotas at points where they find it desirable to do so to obtain deliveries.
38. THAT when the Wheat Board allocates shipping orders for the present year that any period when the congested shipping order is suspended be not taken into account.
39. THAT we recommend that operations of the congested order regulations be enforced, in order always to give the producer the right to deliver to the elevator of his choice.
40. THAT we recommend that feed mills be required to purchase all grains through The Canadian Wheat Board.

AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

41. BE IT RESOLVED that the following paragraph be added as paragraph 19a.

to the Articles of Association.

19a. The Policy of the Company shall be, that so far as possible after providing for such reserve or reserves as the Company deems desirable each fiscal year, any balance of the surplus earnings be declared as patronage dividends as provided in paragraph 22a., payable in proportion to patronage to the shareholders who delivered grain and/or livestock to the Company in the fiscal year and/or to the shareholders and patrons of the Company who purchased goods, wares or merchandise from the Company during such fiscal year.

42. BE IT RESOLVED that Article 22a. of the Articles of Association be deleted and the following substituted therefor:
- 22a. The Company may after the expiration of each fiscal year, place in reserve or reserves such portion of its surplus earnings for such fiscal year as it may determine and the balance may be declared as patronage dividends to be paid and/or credited to the shareholders who delivered grain and/or livestock to the Company in proportion to the volume or the value of grain and/or livestock delivered by such shareholders during such fiscal year, provided that shareholders, group, class or classes of the same as may be determined by the Company, delivering different grades, quantity or quality of grain and/or livestock may receive different amounts of such surplus, and provided further that patronage dividends also may be paid and/or credited to the shareholders and patrons who purchased goods, wares or merchandise from the Company during such fiscal year in proportion to the volume or value of the goods, wares or merchandise so purchased during such fiscal year

by the shareholders and patrons, and provided further that the shareholders and patrons, group, class or classes of the same as determined by the Company, purchasing different grades, quantity or quality of merchandise may receive different amounts of such surplus.

NOTE: The above amendments were made necessary because of the Wheat Pool's entry into the distribution of farm supplies.

ALLOCATION OF SURPLUS EARNINGS SEASON 1962-63

43. THAT the recommendation of the Board of Directors concerning the allocation of surplus earnings for Season 1962-63, as set out in the Directors' Report, as follows:

Excess Charges Refund—	
Season 1962-63	\$7,070,000.00
Provision for Income Tax	
—estimated	285,000.00
Transfer to Reserve Account—estimated	324,893.00
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Total	\$7,679,893.00
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be approved and adopted, and further, THAT the share of surplus earnings for the year ended 31st July 1963, allocated to Excess Charges Refund, Season 1962-63, and amounting to \$7,070,000.00, be distributed in relation to patronage on all grains delivered by members of the Company during the year ended 31st July 1963, on the following basis:

Grain

- (a) Cash patronage dividend at the rate of 1.5c per bushel, estimated \$3,030,000.00
- (b) Patronage dividend at the rate of 1c per bushel, to be used for the purchase, at face value, of Elevator and Commercial Reserve Deductions of the Company, from members in eligible cate-

gories as previously determined by the Board of Directors, such Deductions to be credited to the persons entitled to the patronage dividend, provided that those members entitled to such dividend, whose Elevator and Commercial Reserve Deductions have heretofore been purchased by the Company, shall be paid their share of such amount in cash, estimated 2,020,000.00

(c) Patronage dividend at the rate of 1c per bushel, to be retained as a loan from the shareholders of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association, provided that those members entitled to such dividend, whose Elevator and Commercial Reserve Deductions have heretofore been purchased by the Company, shall be paid their share of such amount in cash, estimated 2,020,000.00

Total \$7,070,000.00

44. THAT we recommend that Elevator Deductions and Commercial Reserves be combined into one category.
45. THAT a column be included on the Excess Charges Refund statement to show total equity each year.

COUNTRY ELEVATOR DIVISION

Cleaners

46. THAT we continue with the present policy of installing cleaners.

Mustard Seed

47. WHEREAS mustard seed is being produced in increasing quantities;

BE IT RESOLVED that we request Management to handle this product.

Wind Boards for Grain Trucks

48. THAT we recommend that plans for construction of wind boards for grain trucks be made available at Pool elevators or, as an alternative, that plywood kits be made available at reasonable costs.
49. THAT we endorse the action of the Board of Directors in entering the business of distributing fertilizer, farm chemicals, twine and seed grain at all points.

Farm Supply Department

50. THAT we recommend that in the operation of a Farm Supply Department the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool support co-operative sources of supply and co-operate with local associations regarding facilities and credit policies.

51. WHEREAS it is felt that hasty action by the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool on the farm supply business will result in head-on competition with consumer co-operatives, which will harm both parties;

BE IT RESOLVED that we recommend that the Wheat Pool Board of Directors make an earnest attempt to arrive at a workable agreement with the consumer co-operatives in the distribution of farm supplies.

52. THAT a Pool elevator agent be allowed to take orders for fertilizer and farm supplies for a co-operative association in cases where the Pool elevator agent is presently the manager of the local co-operative association.
53. THAT we recommend that it be the objective of the Farm Supply Department to incorporate as part of their program, one price for all at fair margins.
54. THAT we recommend that the Farm Supply Department stock adequate pro-

protective masks where seed dressings and sprays are sold.

55. THAT we recommend that co-op fertilizer be handled in 50-pound and 80-pound bags.
56. THAT we recommend that the Farm Supply Department make necessary arrangements to have spreaders made available at strategic points for use of fertilizer users.

LIVESTOCK DIVISION

Livestock Selling Policy

57. THAT the Livestock Committee of the Board of Directors make a study of our livestock selling policy with a view to discontinuing unprotected credit sales.

Rates for Live Slaughter Animals Shipped to Eastern Canada

58. WHEREAS we have encouraged the production of finished cattle; and
WHEREAS this production will soon be in a greater surplus position in Western Canada, with the possible result of a drop in price;
BE IT RESOLVED that we instruct our Board to institute proceedings with the aim of getting a reduction in transportation rates for live slaughter animals to deficit beef producing areas in Eastern Canada, in an effort to maintain return to the western producer.

Service at Livestock Yards

59. THAT the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool continue to improve both the services and facilities at the various livestock yards to meet competition and reduce complaints.

Feeding Co-operatives

60. THAT we recommend that the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool study the establishment of locally owned centralized feeding co-operatives.
61. THAT we recommend that the feeding co-operative program be expanded by extending credit terms to include cow-calf operations and feeding programs up to 18 months.

Brand Inspection Area

62. THAT we recommend that the brand inspection area be enlarged to include the whole province and that the brand inspectors be more diligent in the discharge of their duties, and that penalties for rustling be increased.

Imported Meats

63. THAT we recommend that the Government of Canada make it compulsory for all imported meats to be stamped indicating the country of origin.

Livestock Insurance

64. THAT Head Office supply delegates and staff with a comparison of livestock insurance premiums and type of coverage provided to feeder co-operatives and individuals provided by the Government Insurance Company.
65. THAT provision be made to extend insurance coverage on livestock from the time it is unloaded at the stockyard.

Livestock Specialist

66. THAT we commend the Board of Directors for engaging a livestock specialist and recommend that additional specialists be engaged when found necessary.
67. THAT the Livestock Division of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool be more prominent at, and give more financial support to 4-H livestock sales.

PUBLICITY

68. THAT we recommend that the Publicity Department of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool institute a special campaign to enlighten the people of Canada on the source of monies paid out by The Canadian Wheat Board.
69. THAT the Publicity Department of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool use The Western Producer and other media to to promote producer marketing boards.

RESEARCH DEPARTMENT

70. THAT fertilizer be used in the test plot program.
71. THAT we recommend that the Sask-

atchewan Wheat Pool investigate the feasibility of providing a soil analysis testing service.

DELEGATES

72. THAT the rules and regulations of delegates' expense accounts be strictly enforced and that the delegates be made fully aware of their responsibility.

COUNTRY ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT Changes in Sub-districts

73. THAT this meeting approves the recommendation of the Board of Directors, namely,—“That the Pool country organization system remain on the basis of 16 districts, with minor changes in the number of sub-districts and of boundaries.”

Resolutions Committee

74. THAT in order to enable the Resolutions Committee to function properly, no district meetings of delegates shall be held on the days that the Resolutions Committee has been called to meet, except on the day previous to the Annual Meeting.

Sub-district Banquets and Conferences

75. THAT the general program of sub-district banquets and conferences be continued.

Fieldmen

76. THAT we have full-time fieldmen in all districts.

Committee Grant

77. That we recommend to the Board of Directors that the following changes be made in regulations concerning Saskatchewan Wheat Pool Committee remuneration,—
- (1) That the name “committee remuneration” be changed to “committee grant”.
 - (2) That the “grant” be paid on a yearly basis for the period from 1st August to 31st July. (This would coincide with the fiscal year of the organization.)
 - (3) That Committees be credited \$15.00 for the report of the local annual meeting and reorganization of the

committee, and \$10.00 for each committee meeting, to a maximum of \$45.00.

- (4) That payments be computed and paid from the Head Office records on the basis of the minutes of meetings held prior to 31st July of each year, and reported to Head Office before 15th August.

Point Rating for W.P.C.

78. THAT the Country Organization Department continue research with a view to establishing a point rating for committees as an incentive and reward for good field work.

Farm Opinion Surveys

79. THAT in any future farm opinion surveys, only clearly defined questions be used.

Livestock Committees

80. THAT the Country Organization Department give consideration to the formation of livestock committees representing producers serviced by a livestock or agency yard.

District Secretary's Fees

81. THAT district secretary's fees be \$5.00 per day for district meetings.

CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION

82. THAT the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool recommend to the Saskatchewan Department of Education that the subject of "Co-operation" be taught at Teachers Colleges and that the same subject be included in the school curricula.
83. THAT in order to educate more of our youth in the co-operative movement and principles, the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool sponsor one-day seminars in co-operative education.
84. THAT the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool endeavour to increase substantially the number of agents to be sent to the Western Co-operative College each year.

MISCELLANEOUS

Proper Use of Pesticides

85. THAT we recommend that the Department of Agriculture endeavour to make

available to farmers more authentic and reliable information as to the health hazards and proper use of pesticides, recommended for use in pest control programs advocated for western agriculture.

Regulations re Hunting License

86. THAT we recommend that anyone buying a hunting license be required to pass an examination in game regulations and the handling of firearms.

Regulations re Water Well Drilling

87. That we recommend that the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool approach the Department of Agriculture requesting stricter regulations regarding water well drilling, with adequate supervision.

Forage Grass Seed

88. THAT we recommend that the growers of forage grass seed pay a levy on sales of seed and grain sold to feed mills as they receive P.F.A.A. benefits.

Hospital Privileges for Doctors

89. WHEREAS there appears to be, in some localities of the province, discrimination by hospital boards and medical staffs of some hospitals against the granting of hospital privileges to doctors associated with community clinics; BE IT RESOLVED that we urge the Provincial Government to enact legislation whereby any licensed and qualified doctor can obtain hospital privileges in the hospital adjacent to the locality in which he or she wishes to set up a practice; thereby facilitating the democratic right of all citizens to choose a doctor of their choice to care for their ills.

Penalties for Impaired Driving

90. WHEREAS statistics show a sharp increase in accidents on our highways are due to reckless and impaired driving, and information has been released that accident insurance rates will be increased; BE IT RESOLVED that penalties for infringements be more severe.